

## KANSAS COMMENT

**Old Settler Found Drowned.**—John Killiams, an old settler, for many years a resident along Wakarusa creek, near Eudora, was found dead in a pool of water. It is supposed that he had started fishing, was stricken with apoplexy and fell into the water and was drowned. He left two children.

**Chief Surgeon in Texas.**—Lieutenant Colonel I. M. Maus, deputy surgeon general, and Mrs. Maus, left Fort Riley for San Antonio, Tex., where Colonel Maus will assume the duties of chief surgeon of the Department of Texas. Colonel Maus has been stationed at Fort Riley for two years.

**Bull Gores Old Farmer.**—An elderly farmer named R. A. Clark, living near Girard, was seriously injured by a vicious bull. The bull was in a pasture and Mr. Clark had entered to pass through the field when he was set upon by the bull. He was knocked down and badly trampled by the brute, and it is thought is dangerously injured.

**To Supply Mines.**—It takes over 330,000 kegs of powder to supply the mines of Crawford and Cherokee counties per year. Each keg holds 25 pounds, making a total of 8,250,000 pounds of blasting powder which is consumed in the mines of these two counties annually. This powder has to be paid for by the miners and costs them \$2 per keg, the total outlay for powder being over \$660,000 per year. The powder companies find this a pretty good market.

**Paola is to Celebrate.**—The Fourth of July will be celebrated at Paola this year with a racing tournament, providing the necessary funds can be raised. There will also be other features. At a meeting of the Fair Association it was decided to hold the races July 3 and 4. Committees were appointed and are now at work. A large amount has already been subscribed. These races will not interfere with the usual fall races at the time of the county fair, September 25, 26, 27 and 28.

**Hospital For Emporia.**—Plans are all perfected for a hospital at Emporia and all the funds raised except a few dollars. The institution is to be under the control of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, a superior of which will arrive next week to assume active charge of the work. About \$3,000 has been subscribed by citizens of this and neighboring towns toward the project. The Catholic church owns a building which was once used by them for a hospital. This will be enlarged.

**Man With Ideas Wanted.**—A much talked of project is an electric road to run from Atchison to Highland, making a big loop and taking in Horton, Hiawatha and Severance and other nearby towns. Highland has no railroad connections at all and there is no direct line from Horton to Hiawatha, though both are good towns within a short distance of each other in the same county. It is understood that if some capable man can be secured to work out the idea the money for the road will be forthcoming.

**K. U. Regents Meet.**—The board of regents of the University of Kansas began their session. All were present save Regent Crowell, who was detained by business at Scott City and could not get here in time. Regents Potter, White and Mitchell were sworn in, and general discussion of business followed. Today's meeting is devoted to the medical school situation. The distribution of funds and the matter of salaries for the coming two years will be considered at this meeting, together with the letting of the contract for the completion of the law building, the consideration of preliminary plans for the gymnasium, faculty changes and additions and other matters.

**Big Find of Zinc.**—The drillers of the Ahrens & Co. well near Hillsdale, five miles north of Paola, have struck something besides oil. At the depth of about 2,900 feet they came to a very hard substance which they supposed was granite. After the drill had gone through about 300 feet of it they concluded that it was not granite. A sample was sent to the assayer at Topeka, who pronounced it an excellent quality of zinc ore. Other samples have been sent to assayers at Joplin and Denver. J. D. Nickerson of Pennsylvania, who has had twenty-five years' experience in the drilling business, thinks that the substance is about 375 feet in thickness. He has charge of the work on the Ahrens well, which is believed to be the deepest in Kansas. Work was begun on it about a year ago.

**Bank For Manchester.**—The First National bank of Concordia will open another branch bank, its sixth in this section, at Manchester, Dickinson county, June 1, with a capital stock of \$10,000.

**Register 2,000 Degrees of Heat.**—The chemistry department of the University of Kansas has recently received a new instrument for measuring temperature from 850 degrees, centigrade, to over 2,000 degrees. This apparatus is to be used in measuring temperature in the assaying and metallurgy laboratories.

**Superintendent Bowen Resigns.**—D. H. Bowen, who held the position of superintendent of city schools at Fort Scott for ten years, resigned to accept a position as a member of the faculty of the state manual training normal established by the last legislature at Pittsburg.

**Lover Blows Off His Head.**—Clyde Selkins, an 18-year-old farmer boy at Thompsonville eighteen miles north-east of Topeka, committed suicide. He blew his head off with a charge from a shotgun. He was engaged to a young girl in that neighborhood and they had a lovers' quarrel.

**Gets Conditional Pardon.**—Governor Hoch has granted a conditional pardon to Mary Marshall, sent up from Shawnee county in 1900 for a term of thirteen years for holding up and robbing a man of a gold watch. Mrs. George W. Veale, wife of the well known Kansas politician, agrees to give the woman permanent employment, and to vouch for her behavior.

**Educator Will Quit.**—The board of trustees of the College of Emporia will meet to act on the resignation of Dr. J. C. Miller, who has been president of the college for seven years. President Miller wanted to resign in December, but the trustees prevailed upon him to stay. A number of applications will be considered by the trustees. Dr. Miller resigned because of poor health.

**Buying Bonds Under Burrow Law.**—The school fund commissioners met at Topeka and made their first purchase of bonds under the new Burrow law. This law provides for wide publicity of all proceedings. The state printer has not yet furnished all the books necessary to run the affairs of the board under the new act, and as a result only some small emergency deals were closed.

**Old Offenders Sentenced.**—Charles L. Odlin pleaded guilty to stealing a registered letter from the Atchison postoffice and will serve two years in the reform school at Washington, D. C. L. L. Moore, who took a letter that didn't belong to him from the Haworth postoffice, was fined \$25 and sent to jail for three months. T. J. Wilson got a \$25 fine from Judge Pollock for mailing an obscene letter. John Hantzer pleaded guilty to a charge of using the mails to defraud and was fined \$25.

**Mules Buried in Mine.**—At Pittsburg fire of unknown origin was started in the mule stables of Mt. Carmel mine No. 8 and fifty-seven mules were burned to death. The alarm was sounded as soon as the fire was discovered, and the flames were prevented from spreading to the balance of the mine. It is thought the fire was started by shot firers carelessly using matches in lighting their pipes, a common occurrence upon coming out of the mines. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.

**McPherson County Fair.**—The McPherson Agricultural and Fair Association met in the court house and perfected an organization, the capital stock of which is fixed at \$15,000. Over half of this stock was subscribed. A constitution was adopted which provided for a board of directors. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Cottingham; vice-president, O. W. Matthes; secretary, P. A. Rowland; treasurer, David Grant. Dates have been secured with the Arkansas Valley circuit for races from the 11th to the 18th of September.

**Masons Meet in Saline.**—Isis temple of the Mystic Shrine of this place has arranged to make the ceremonial session of the order, to be held here May 23, a great day for Masonry in Kansas. About 150 candidates will be initiated. Eight hundred women have been invited to accompany husbands and fathers, and elaborate plans are being made for their entertainment. The Shrine purchased today 800 tickets for an out-door theater which has been engaged for the week. Other entertainments will be a ball, a banquet, vaudeville in the temple theater and a reception.

**Still a Whistling Station.**—The people of St. Paul, in Neosho county, became tired of the Katy railroad making a whistling post of their town, so they got the legislature to pass a bill requiring the Katy to stop all passenger trains in all towns having over 1000 population in Neosho county. The Katy paid no attention to the law, and the people recently filed complaint with the state railroad board. Colonel Sedgwick, general attorney for the road, has replied. He says that the law is unconstitutional, because it relates to only one railroad in only one county, and is therefore class legislation. He also says that the passenger trains which do not stop at St. Paul are interstate trains and that the railroad board has no power over them. He winds up his letter by declaring that the road will pay no attention whatever to the law.

**Charged With Forgery.**—James Boughner, who was wanted at Lyons, Kan., on a charge of forging two checks—one for \$12 and one for \$20—was captured at Abilene and delivered to the sheriff of Rice county. He has served a term for the same offense committed here several years ago.

**New Lighting Plant.**—There was a special election in Winfield to vote bonds amounting to \$15,000 for finishing the electric lighting plant, which was started on \$30,000. The bonds received 907 out of 937 votes.

**Leavenworth Coal Rate Cut.**—The Missouri Pacific railroad company served notice on the railroad board that it had made a 25-cent per ton reduction freight on coal from the mines at Leavenworth to all Kansas points. This was done, it says, to equalize the rates.

**Enlarge Prison Twine Plant.**—The prison twine plant is to be enlarged. The legislature set aside \$25,000 with which the officials believe the capacity of the plant can be almost doubled. The present capacity is 3,700,000 pounds of twine a year. The prison could sell twice that much.

**Building at Fort Riley.**—The contracts for the building of a veterinary hospital and a commissary storehouse at Fort Riley have been awarded to two contracting firms of Junction City. The cost of the two buildings complete will be \$40,000. Work on the buildings was commenced today.

**No Nepotism at Dodge City.**—No nepotism cannot be practiced at the state soldiers' home at Dodge City. In the law appropriating money for that institution a clause was inserted prohibiting the officials from giving official jobs to any relatives. Such a provision might have been inserted in some other laws but for some reason the legislature overlooked it.

**Ottawa to Get Gas.**—A contract was closed by the Rantoul Gas and Oil Company, one of the local organizations doing business in the Rantoul field to pipe Rantoul for gas. The town is underlaid with a fine quality of brick shale and it is believed several factories may be started there this spring.

**No Successor to Mudge.**—J. W. Kendrick, third vice-president of the Santa Fe, said that the successor to General Manager Mudge had not yet been decided upon and that it was a matter that would be settled at Chicago. Railroad men, generally, believe that the place will go to J. E. Hurley, now the general superintendent.

**Sells Pardon Hearing May 1.**—Governor Hoch has set May 1 as the time for hearing arguments on the application of Willie Sells for a pardon. Sells has been in prison since 1886. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence of killing his father, mother, sister and brother. He has made several unsuccessful attempts to secure a pardon. He is a "hang" man.

**Experiment With Oil.**—At Ottawa plans are being made for grading a long stretch of South Main street, to be treated with oil from the Rantoul wells by the oil promoters, the railroad and the township and city authorities by common contribution, as an experiment. If it proves successful a use will be found for the surplus production of the Rantoul wells in road-making, until a better market opens up.

**Woodman Building Burns.**—Fire destroyed the Woodman building at Wamego. McKelney's general store on the first floor burned. An entertainment was in progress in the hall when the fire broke out. The people left the building in an orderly manner, and nobody was hurt. The building cost \$3,000. The township had an interest in it. The origin of the fire is not known.

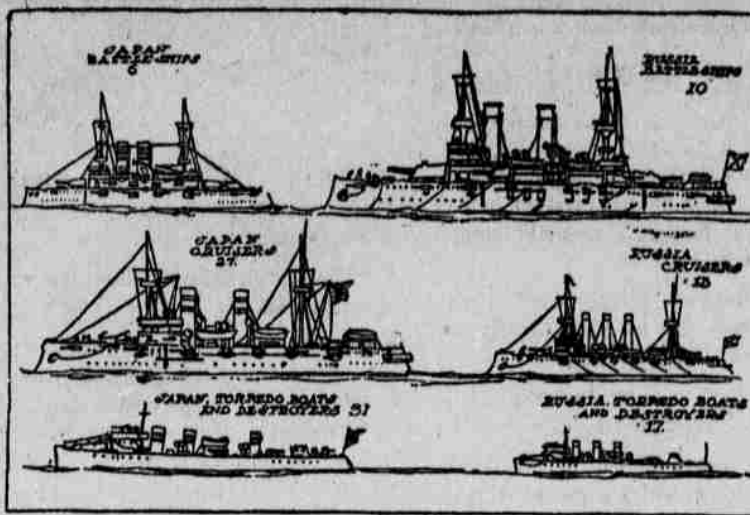
**Milling Rates For Topeka.**—The Missouri Pacific has served notice that it will reestablish milling in transit rates for Topeka. The Topeka millers had a rate of this kind some time ago, but the railroads abolished it because it was a form of discrimination. The local millers made a big fuss about it and now the Missouri Pacific has agreed to reinstate the rate. Other roads will likely follow suit.

**Farmers' Elevator Burns.**—The Farmers' elevator at Vesper, eight miles west of Lincoln Center, together with its contents, twelve or fifteen thousand bushels of wheat and six thousand bushels of corn, was destroyed by fire. The fire is supposed to have originated from a hot box. The loss was about twenty thousand dollars and falls upon farmers in the vicinity who were interested in the enterprise.

**Indians For Assembly.**—The coming Winfield Chautauqua assembly promises to be the most successful in the history of the association, which now extends over nineteen years. Among other attractions the Chillicothe Indians have been secured with their World's Fair band, their World's Fair display and a real Indian village. Miss Ida M. Tarbell has been asked to become a guest of the association of women and may accept.

**James Oliver Acquitted.**—The jury in the case of James Oliver, on trial for the Murder of Joseph Q. Casey in Wichita, March 10, returned a verdict of not guilty. The charge was murder in the first degree. The case has been on trial for a week and has been hard fought. The defense entered a plea of temporary insanity. Two ballots were taken in the jury room. The first stood 11 to 1 for acquittal. On the next ballot all were in favor of acquittal.

**Water Bothers Drillers.**—The contractors for drilling the prospect well at McPherson have concluded to stop work on account of the water coming in so fast. They have asked the prospecting company to furnish a new string of casing for the well. The hole is now down to a depth of 2,300 feet and the progress is very slow. The company feels that a new string of casing is necessary and the work has been temporarily suspended. If the present contractors do not push the work down the company propose to secure another set of workers to finish the well.



COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF RIVAL FLEETS.

Chicago, April 21.—Although influences are still at work in the hope that an amicable adjustment of the difficulty existing between the teamsters and Montgomery, Ward & Company can be reached, the indications are tonight that the strike of the teamsters will spread to other concerns. Today 150 drivers employed by D. M. Forbes Teaming Company were ordered on strike because the firm insisted on making deliveries to Montgomery Ward & Company. President Shea of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters declared tonight that he would order out all drivers engaged by firms that insist on making deliveries of supplies to the big store.

The new Employers' Teaming Company began aggressive action against the striking teamsters today by delivering coal to Montgomery, Ward & Company.

The Coal Team Owners Association has arranged for a conference tomorrow with the employers' association, when another effort to affect a settlement of the strike will be made. The

teamsters' union will present a proposition to arbitrate everything in dispute. Nothing of a tangible nature is expected to result from this conference, as Montgomery, Ward & Co. have steadfastly refused to arbitrate the demands of the garment workers, although offering to accept conciliatory measures with the teamsters. The garment workers' places have been filled and Montgomery, Ward & Company assert there is nothing to arbitrate.

Lawrence, Mass.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was here tonight as the guest of the Central Labor Union. In an interview he said, with reference to the appeal made to him by the labor interests of Porto Rico:

"The American Federation of Labor will render any assistance within its power to the Porto Ricans in this struggle to attain the improvement in their conditions which I know by personal investigation on the island last year, to be so necessary. I shall return to Washington in a day or so and take up the matter immediately."

## FAKE STORIES DISPLEASE.

**Secretary Loeb is in Training as a Rider.**

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 24.—In spite of the fact that Secretary Loeb rode twenty-five miles from the president's camp yesterday he spent several hours in the saddle today after disposing of an unusually heavy mail. He is preparing himself so that he can make the next trip with greater ease. A large bundle of newspapers was sent to the camp by Elmer Chapman, the courier. Many of the papers contained fake stories of the president's hunt. The members of the hunting party were greatly displeased when they learned of the character of some of the stories printed by several papers having correspondents at Newcastle. The correspondents located there have no facilities for getting news and they are entirely out of touch with Secretary Loeb.

Preparations are under way here to give President Roosevelt a royal welcome on May 14, when he will arrive from Red Stone to spend the night before returning to Washington. The pelt of the bear killed by the President is being mounted as a rug. The skin of the head will be drawn over a papier mache form but natural teeth will be used. The skull is to be added to the collection of C. Hart Merriam, biologist of the department of agriculture.

**BAYS IN WHICH RUSSIAN FLEET HAS BEEN SHELTERED.**



The bays in which the Russian fleet has been seen recently—Kamranh and Turan, which are shown in the map—are in French Indo-China. Turan Bay is about 80 miles directly west of Manila and eighty miles south of Hue, an important French settlement town. The Pescadores are 850 miles north-east of Turan.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 22.—There is every indication at midnight that Joseph Jefferson will recover. Charles Jefferson, his son, is confident. Dr. R. B. Potter, his physician, is hopeful and Mabel Bingham, the nurse, thinks that the worst is over.

San Francisco, April 22.—Signorina Luisa Tetrazzini, the Italian prima donna, swore to a complaint against Julio Z. Uribe, formerly her secretary, accusing him of embezzling 27,000 francs of her money which had been entrusted to him to deposit in Old World banks.

## MAY LAST TWO YEARS

**Japan Goes on Preparing to Continue Fight Indefinitely.**

## ARE BUYING MANY TRANSPORTS.

Are particular What is Bought and Are Securing Vessels From 3,000 to 6,000 Tons—Small Ships Bought For Their Own Convenience.

San Francisco, April 22.—"The war in the Orient will last another two years," was the statement made today by Captain E. H. Jackson, who arrived here today on the Korea and who says that he is hastening to London to send out a vessel which has been purchased by the Japanese for transport service.

Captain Jackson added: "The Japanese are making preparations for an indefinite term of fighting, and this can be best understood by the way they are buying up steamers. They have purchased several hundred during the past few months and when I left Kobe they had taken over twelve vessels during the fourteen days previous to my departure."

"They are particular as to what they buy and only want vessels from 3,000 to 6,000 tons. They have to get small ships so that they can run into any of their ports and are easily navigable in the inland sea. This will be the third vessel that I have sent out to them."

"London is the great market for steamers, and though they have purchased some old boats they have secured some exceedingly good ones."

"Spot cash is paid for all the vessels, and the neutrality laws are carefully observed. A private firm gives an order for the building of a boat and when the time of delivery comes the firm which gave the order has not the money to pay for the vessel and a chance buyer comes along. That's the way."

St. Petersburg.—The congress of journals which has been in session here privately, has developed strongly liberal sentiments. So many radical speeches have been made and such long discussions have been held that the congress was unable to conclude its session last night, as had been planned. It is known that the congress will recommend wide-reaching measures towards the liberation of the press, as well as a political program along the lines of the program adopted by the recent congresses of barristers and doctors.

The house Gazette says that General Kuropatkin's request for a continuation of his salary as commander-in-chief, \$72,000 per annum, has been refused by the war office. He now receives \$54,000—the same salary as Admiral Alexieff received as viceroy of the far East, whose four chancelleries will continue in operation until the final fate of the Kwan Tung Peninsula is determined.

St. Petersburg.—The government is placing orders abroad for 400,000,000 cartridges, and is also inquiring for ironclads of from 15,000 to 20,000 tons. It is persistently and irreconcilably reported that Russia has bought several South American warships through Paris intermediaries.

Concussion of the Brain.—Tom Wrong, late receiver of the land office and mayor of Concordia, died at El Reno. Concussion of the brain was the cause of his death.

## IS THE SEA FIGHT ON?

**Heavy Cannonading Heard Off Kamranh Bay.**

## THE FLEETS MAY HAVE MET.

**Night Firing Was Heard—St. Petersburg Professes to Know Nothing as to Rojestensky's Plans—Three Japanese Warships Off Manila.**

Paris, April 25.—A dispatch to the Temps from Saigon reports heavy firing off Kamranh bay. It is supposed that Admiral Rojestensky's squadron has engaged Japanese scout ships. Saigon, French Cochinchina.—The complete Russian fleet left Kamranh bay on April 22 at midday.

At night heavy cannonading was heard out at sea.

It is supposed the Russian fleet was engaged with a portion of the Japanese squadron.

No news has been received here of the Russian squadron since it left Kamranh.

The officers and men of the Russian fleet have expressed themselves as confident of their ability to meet any situation which may arise.

It was stated that Admiral Rojestensky is suffering from dysentery.

Before the departure of the squadron Vice Admiral Rojestensky visited Admiral Jonquieres.

No Russian officer or sailor landed from the fleet in Kamranh bay. They had expected Nebogatoff's detachment of the squadron to arrive at any moment.

The natives are highly pleased with the great rise in the price of provisions, owing to the Russians' visit. London.—Beyond the report that from Kamranh bay the Russian second Pacific squadron proceeded northward there is no further news of any kind nor confirmation of the reported firing off Kamranh bay. There have been rumors recently that a portion of Rojestensky's squadron was at Hainan, near the promontory of Lien-chau. If these rumors are true it is supposed the whole squadron may reassemble there and endeavor in Chinese waters to continue coaling and other preparations.

Little attention is paid here to reported movements of the Japanese warships. It considered that Vice Admiral Togo is not likely to lift the veil of secrecy, except for the express purpose of misleading.

## JEFFERSON IS DEAD.

**End Came to Famous Actor on Easter Sunday.**

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 25.—Joseph Jefferson, the eminent actor, died at his home, "The Reefs," at Palm Beach, at 6:15 o'clock last evening. The end came after a day of unconsciousness and after a heroic struggle of days which had exhausted his vitality. At his death were his wife, his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson; his nurse, Miss Mabel Bingham; Dr. R. B. Porter and his faithful old servant, Carl Kettler.

The end was not a surprise to his family. Ever since his last sinking spell which came after a rally on Thursday morning, and which was followed by an apparent improvement until Friday, the family has been waiting for the end. Mr. Jefferson's condition Saturday night grew steadily worse, and the family, who had retired, were summoned from their beds and Dr. Porter was called. The patient's condition continued to grow worse all through today, and the brief bulletins from the bedside contained no words of encouragement.

The sickness of Mr. Jefferson which ended in his death was contracted, it is believed, while on a recent visit to his son, Charles B. Jefferson, at Hobe, a few miles above Palm Beach, where he went to meet his friend, former President Cleveland. It is believed that, from a slight indiscretion in his eating there, he suffered an attack of indigestion. Since his return to his home his condition grew steadily worse, with slight rallies, until the end.

The body of Mr. Jefferson will be taken to Buzzard's Bay on a special train, leaving here tomorrow evening, accompanied by all the members of his family who are here. It will reach New York Wednesday morning and the family hope to reach Buzzard's Bay the evening of that day.

## GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

Chicago, April 23.—The teamsters' joint council have appointed a committee which is to visit the department stores tomorrow and demand that the non-union drivers who have been making deliveries to Montgomery, Ward & Co. be discharged. If the demand is refused the committee has the power to call a strike of the drivers in three of the large department stores. It is probable that the grand jury will tomorrow commence an investigation into the causes and progress of the present strike in the establishment of Montgomery, Ward & Co. The members of the jury yesterday passed a resolution setting forth that they would like to know something about the strike, and this afternoon a delegation of prominent men called at the office of States Attorney Healy and held an extended conference with him.